

Called APLA Meeting  
August 5, 2005  
Hilton Head

Present: Bev James, David Lyon, Paula Paul, Faith Line, Yolanda McCormick, Penny Harvey, Wlodek Zaryczny, Dwight McInvaill

Bev James called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M.

- Book bids - Discussed book bids, done once every three years, and a better selection process. It was mentioned that those libraries that may not want to commit all of their funds could only commit a small portion to the RFP. Then, if their preferred vendor is not chosen, they are free to spend the majority with that vendor. It was recommended that a committee be formed to closely examine the bid process and to make recommendations.
- Legislative issues – Recommended maintaining \$2.00 per capita in State Aid and increasing the minimum from \$40,000 to \$50,000, and establishing both a \$50,000 technology grant program for all public libraries and a multi-million dollar public library construction grant program.
- Felicia Vereen is waiting to learn when and the amount of funds that the Gates Foundation will provide SC for computer equipment replacement.
- The minutes were accepted as presented.
- The financial report was accepted as posted.
- Dues – A vote was taken to maintain the current dues schedule.
- Bylaws – Faith will chair a committee to look at needed policy changes.

- Joint Catalog Report/Statewide database - Penny reported that she and Salley talked with the URSA representative about the sharing of records. Briefly, the procedure goes as follows: the patron submits a request for a book not owned by your county library; the request goes to the library that has the book; that library can look at the patron's record to make sure there are no "stops" on it. If loaned, a sleeve would be printed out with the barcode from the lending library. Libraries can decide what to lend, and holds are placed at random at different libraries. The group decided to ask the URSA representative to exhibit at SCLA and to be the APLA program at SCLA. We will work with SCSL on this. Patti Butcher is interested in the project. Further discussions will be held at the August 24<sup>th</sup> Strategic Planning Workshop meeting.
- Reception for Patti Butcher – APLA voted to contribute from \$500 to \$750 for a reception to be hosted for Patti in conjunction with the State Library Board. Faith will contact the SCSL Board chairman to find out if they are planning a reception for her.
- Bev encouraged APLA and appropriate library staff to join the Library Administration section of SCLA.
- Children, Libraries and Literacy initiative - Bev reported on a meeting of the launching of a \$6,000,000 initiative childhood literacy campaign through the Augusta Baker chair by USC. On Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a public conference at USC. E.B. Lewis will be the speaker that evening. The BEST center will be reconfigured for childhood literacy. This is a long-term project. The BEST center now has a new name: READMOBILE.
- Pat Feehan has 14 students who each need a project on literacy for the fall semester. Anyone needing a student for a literacy project is encouraged to contact Pat. Adult Literacy Councils could also work with her.

- 2006 is the last year SC with work with GA and NC on Summer Reading. Patti Butcher decided that we will join the National Summer Reading Cooperative sponsored by Highsmith. This includes big name artists such as Stephen Kellogg.
- Bev reported that in a discussion with Patti, she is pushing for a statewide library card. It would use driver's licenses and SCSL would handle authentication. Patti had experience in Kansas with this program.
- We discussed the need to market DISCUS as public library access. It seems that most teachers think DISCUS is through the State Dept. of Education.
- LSTA funding was discussed. A concern was voiced that LSTA money may be used more at the "top level" rather than the grassroots (individual public libraries). There was discussion to have APLA put the concern in writing.
- Bev was asked to briefly discuss the service Greenville County Library uses to send overdue notices. Based on the number of notices sent, the cost could be less than what we pay in postage and the overdue notice forms. She said they will have a booth at SCLA.
- Mentoring new public library directors was discussed. We see the need for transitioning since so many current directors will soon be retiring.
- Plans for the October meeting of APLA at SCLA are to include: (1) the overdue notice vendor mentioned above (2) Patti Butcher discussing her vision for public libraries in the state, (3) the joint catalog, (4) mentoring new public library directors, (5) the statewide library card, and (6) LSTA funding.
- Paula mentioned that Deborah Hotchkiss and Thomas Reddick presented a program at the Orangeburg County Library for in-service staff training on Sexual Harassment. They worked with

the staff to develop a policy, and plans are for it to become a model policy for all public libraries in the State.

- Faith encouraged members to attend the SELA conference April 5-7, 2006. It will be held in conjunction with the Tennessee Library Association Conference.
- SCLA effectiveness was discussed. There seem to be fewer effective programs. Discussion ensued on having it through Saturday to bring in the Trustees.
- The topic of audio downloads was discussed. Bev used *Overdrive* and Anderson uses *Recorded Books*.

The meeting was adjourned.

Paula F. Paul	Wlodek Zaryczny
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